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**ZEV YAROSLAVSKY**

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
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June 6, 2007

The Honorable Mike Feuer  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4005  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Feuer: 

On June 5, 2007, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved my motion to support your legislation, AB 904, the Plastic and Marine Debris Reduction, Recycling, and Composting Act. Separate letters of support are being sent to the Assembly Speaker, Senate President pro Tem, Assembly Appropriations Committee, and the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation.

Littering of food packaging products addressed in your legislation is a significant problem in many communities throughout Los Angeles County. It poses a danger to public health and safety, decreases property values, pollutes local waterways, creates a nesting area for rodents and other vermin, and lowers the quality of life.

We appreciate your efforts on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Kevin de León  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4140  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member de León: 

On June 5, 2007, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved my motion to support AB 904 (Feuer), the Plastic and Marine Debris Reduction, Recycling, and Composting Act. We request your support for this legislation.

Effective July 1, 2010, the Act would prohibit a fast food restaurant or other take-out food provider from distributing single use food service packaging to a consumer unless the packaging is either compostable or recyclable and is accepted back by the food provider for recycling or composting. In addition, the Act would require a take-out food provider that has a minimum customer seating capacity of 20 and provides trash receptacles for customers, to provide appropriate receptacles for the collection of any compostable packaging or recyclable packaging. Other provisions of the act target producers of single-use food service packaging, requiring the maintenance of a list of the packaging distributed and providing for penalties for non-compliance beginning July 1, 2009.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works indicates that take out food containers are designed for immediate disposal, typically made of plastics such as Expanded Polystyrene (EPS). Often such materials are non-recyclable when contaminated with food. In addition, take out food containers are one of the most common littered items because they are lightweight and easily blown out of overflowing trash receptacles. Since litter ends up in our storm drain system and eventually on our beaches, studies have shown that over half of all floating marine debris collected at our local beaches involves EPS products. EPS does not biodegrade and can last hundreds of years once disposed.

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We urge your support of AB 904 and thank you for your efforts on this important measure.

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The Honorable Mark Leno, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Appropriations  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Leno:

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